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Reporting for the week ending October 9, 2011.

General

The drought continued across Arkansas last week as only four out of the 36 reporting stations reported any measurable rainfall, with the greatest total being 0.13 of an inch at both Fort Smith and Fayetteville. Most of the state remained under moderate drought conditions, but parts of northwest and southwest Arkansas were under severe to exceptional drought conditions. Topsoil moisture supplies were 30 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 22 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies were 31 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 20 percent adequate. Producers had 7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. As the cold front exited the state last week, temperatures warmed up, reaching as high as 6 degrees above normal at Fort Smith and Ozark. Low temperatures ranged from 33 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 49 degrees Fahrenheit at Fort Smith and North Little Rock. High temperatures ranged from 82 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville and Mountain Home to 90 degrees Fahrenheit at Hope and Texarkana.

Crops

Corn producers had just 1 percent of their crop left to harvest by the end of last week. Ninety-seven percent of the cotton crop was opening bolls, and cotton producers had harvested 26 percent of the crop by week’s end. The rice crop reached 98 percent ripe and 77 percent harvested last week. Sorghum producers had harvested 97 percent of the crop by week’s end. The soybean crop was 87 percent yellowing, 69 percent shedding, 49 percent mature, and 36 percent harvested. Winter wheat planted reached 10 percent last week with 4 percent of the crop emerged.

Livestock

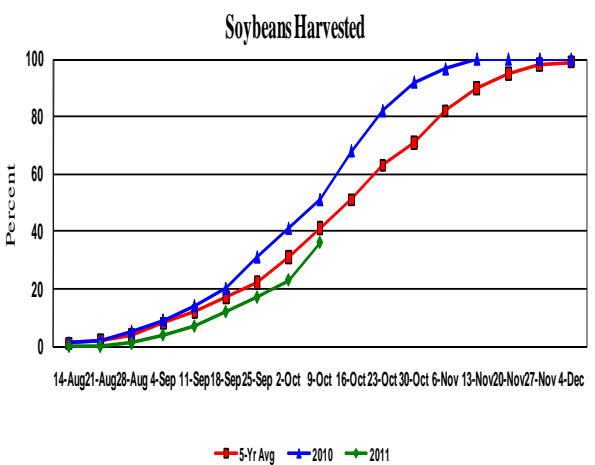
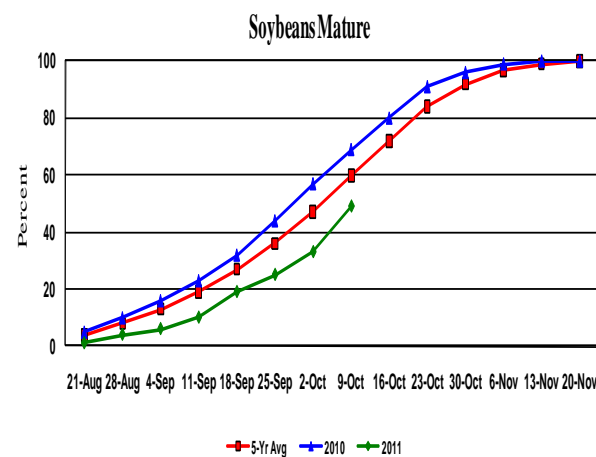
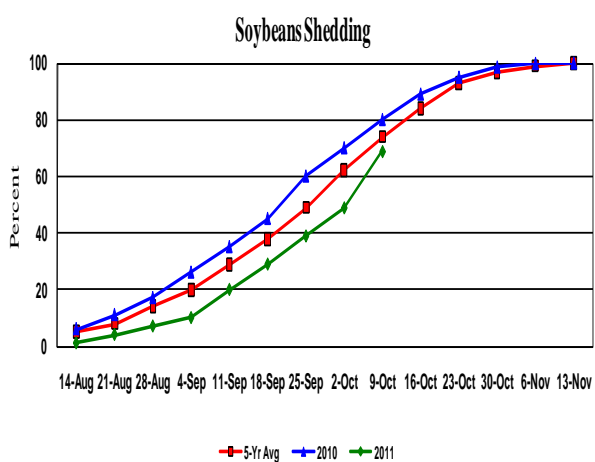
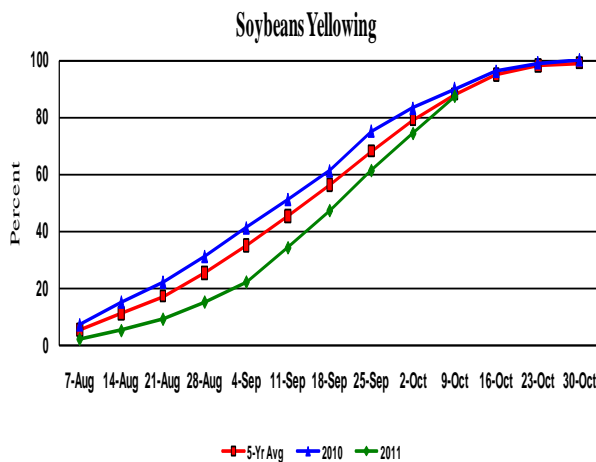
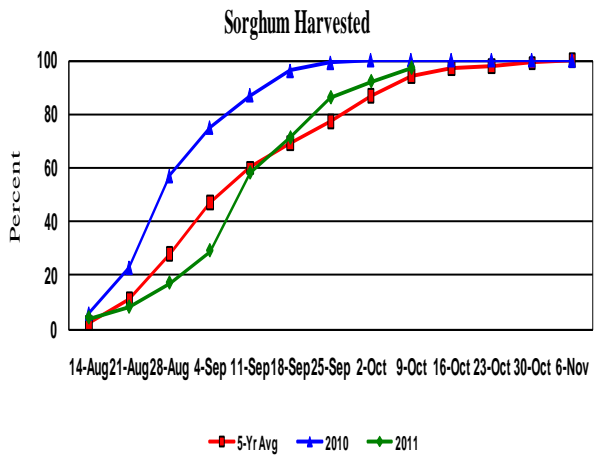
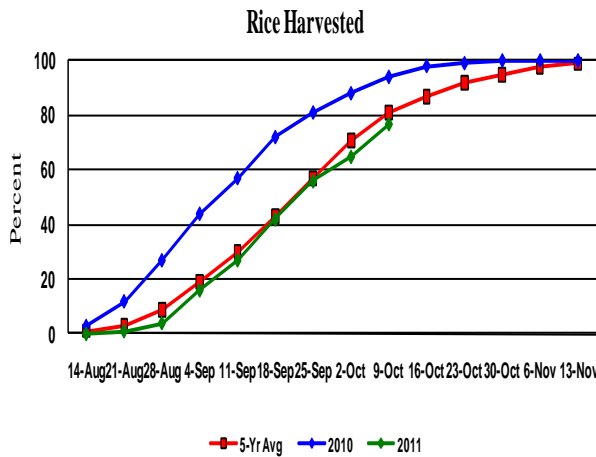
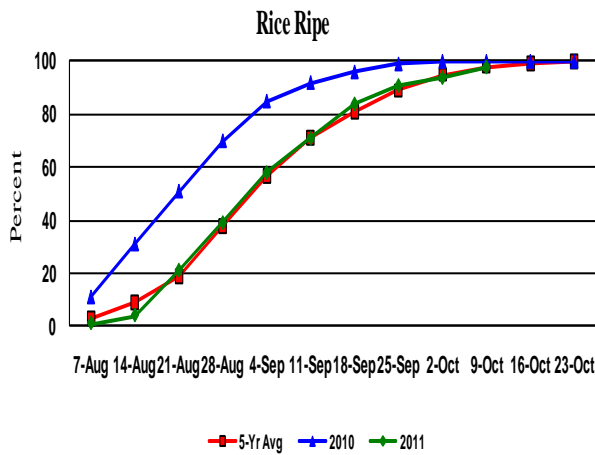
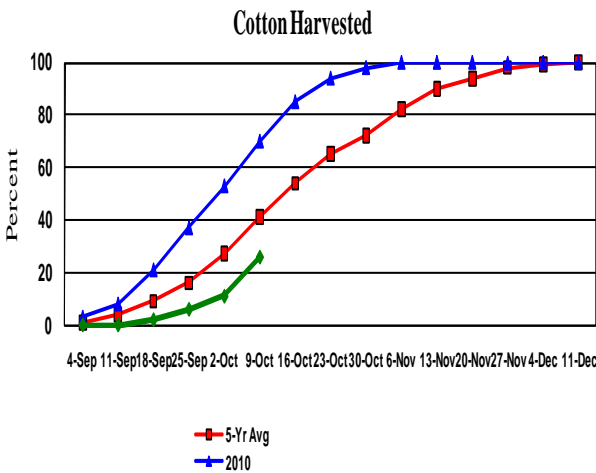
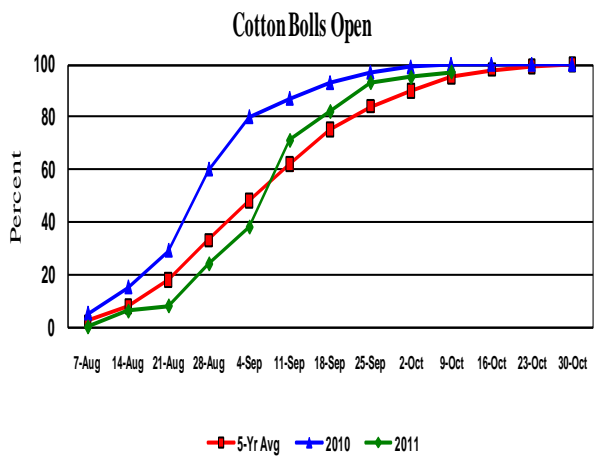
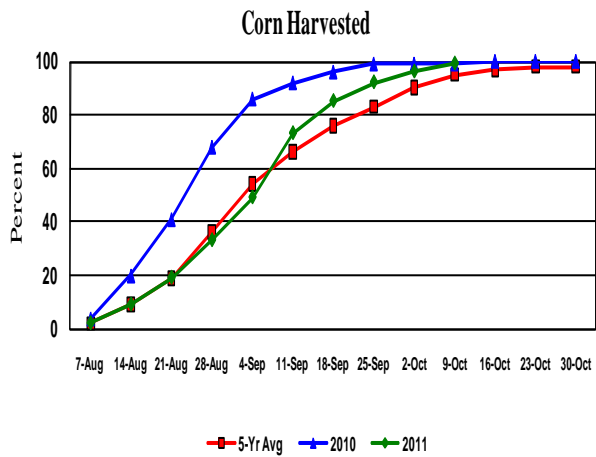
Livestock remained in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops continued to need rain as the majority remained in poor to fair condition. Producers were again seeding winter forages and cutting hay last week.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2010	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	99	96	100	95
Cotton	Opening Bolls	97	95	100	95
	Harvested	26	11	70	41
Rice	Ripe	98	94	100	98
	Harvested	77	65	94	81
Sorghum	Harvested	97	92	100	94
Soybeans	Yellowing	87	74	90	88
	Shedding	69	49	80	74
	Mature	49	33	69	60
	Harvested	36	23	51	41
Winter Wheat	Planted	10	9	10	12
	Emerged	4	2	2	3

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	1	10	29	40	20
Soybeans	3	17	35	35	10
Hay-Alfalfa	21	37	31	9	2
Hay-Other	18	35	42	5	0
Pasture and Range	28	31	36	5	0



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending October 9, 2011									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Oct 9	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date 2011	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	82	39	5	0.13	3.85	4.41	42.40	37.37
	Harrison	83	40	4	0.00	3.58	3.77	39.89	36.18
N. Central	Calico Rock	83	36	1	0.00	1.91	3.99	37.44	36.71
	Gilbert	85	33	0	0.00	0.86	3.92	36.45	35.65
	Greers Ferry	83	44	2	0.00	3.78	3.59	40.38	39.26
	Mtn. Home	82	43	3	0.00	2.57	3.76	42.60	35.75
Northeast	Batesville	85	40	1	0.00	2.16	3.45	40.70	37.11
	Blytheville	85	41	1	0.00	2.30	3.00	34.54	40.06
	Jonesboro	86	40	2	0.00	2.67	3.20	37.33	36.05
	Keiser	87	39	3	0.00	2.12	3.45	46.12	39.66
	Newport	84	44	2	0.00	2.38	3.03	37.84	37.55
W. Central	Booneville	85	43	3	0.00	2.54	3.98	37.81	37.53
	Clarksville	85	46	4	0.00	1.46	3.66	33.98	36.36
	Dardanelle	86	40	1	0.00	1.13	3.55	36.82	37.74
	Ft. Smith	88	49	6	0.13	1.58	3.86	32.44	34.99
	Mena	84	41	3	0.05	2.73	4.79	33.51	45.30
	Ozark	85	45	6	0.00	2.21	3.84	35.36	35.56
Central	Conway	85	43	2	0.00	1.54	3.09	41.00	37.00
	Hot Springs	86	45	2	0.00	1.99	4.06	38.13	44.64
	Little Rock	88	46	2	0.00	1.12	3.29	36.88	39.03
	Morrilton	85	39	1	0.00	1.62	3.33	38.74	36.84
	N. Little Rock	86	49	3	0.00	1.61	3.32	41.12	38.16
E. Central	Brinkley	85	39	0	0.00	1.10	2.94	44.41	38.91
	Marianna	85	41	2	0.00	2.13	2.74	43.65	41.16
	Stuttgart	85	44	1	0.00	0.98	2.94	38.00	37.98
	West Memphis	85	41	2	0.00	1.55	3.17	35.77	41.45
Southwest	DeQueen	87	40	2	0.03	2.15	3.65	30.39	41.57
	Hope	90	40	1	0.00	0.91	3.74	25.91	42.11
	Texarkana	90	46	3	0.00	2.24	3.41	21.01	36.19
S. Central	Camden	88	40	0	0.00	1.23	3.59	30.86	41.61
	El Dorado	89	38	1	0.00	0.99	3.36	22.88	43.38
	Warren	88	36	2	0.00	1.09	3.98	21.16	44.41
Southeast	Eudora	89	44	0	0.00	5.90	3.56	33.37	45.95
	Monticello	87	42	0	0.00	1.79	3.06	30.41	43.83
	Pine Bluff	89	40	0	0.00	0.83	3.19	30.89	40.70
	Rohwer	85	42	0	0.00	2.89	2.75	32.86	40.51

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2} - 30$ year average

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